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Court Action to Acquire Disposal Site Approved



CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP... George Bradford, right, new president of the Torrance Optimist Club, gets his president's pin from outgoing president, C. A. Woodcock, following installation ceremonies recently. Bradford will take over the reins of the club on July 1.

Courts to Get Dump Site Case

Superior court will be asked within a few days to condemn 160 acres in fashionable Rolling Hills for a public dump.

The tract is one of four dump sites in a \$6,000,000 county program, according to A. M. Rawn, chief county sanitation engineer.

Rawn said that six county sanitation districts which serve 1,000,000 persons will file the action against the owners of the land who have excavated it in mining operations for diatomaceous earth, a powdery substance used in industry.

The owners were identified as the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., the Palos Verdes Co., and the Capitol Co.

Residents opposed an adjacent mining operation in the area two years ago but no signs of opposition to this proposal have been apparent. Representatives of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. are asking for a series of safeguards around the disposal area such as screening, dust-proof operations, and rodent control.

Sentencing Date Set for Shotgun Blast at Youth

After two prosecution witnesses had been heard, the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon—a felony—was dismissed against Lyle Kenneth Stoner, 51, of 4244 W. 179th St., in South Bay Municipal Court, and the defendant pleaded guilty to simple assault—a misdemeanor—by shooting a 16-year-old boy on May 30.

The more serious charge was dismissed Thursday by Judge John A. Shidler on motion of Deputy District Attorney Bill Keene, who was handling the prosecution.

Witnesses Heard

The two witnesses were Marcellus Hart, 16, of 4100 W. Sepulveda, and Donald Fichtner, 20, of 4239 W. 179th St.

They related the events leading up to the shooting on the night when Fichtner took refuge in the Stoner house after being chased by Hart and another youth. Stoner ordered them away and telephoned the police. When the two youths were observed in front of the Stoner house an hour later Stoner went to his front yard with a shotgun.

Two Shots Fired

Fichtner stated that Hart's teenage companion was advancing toward Stoner with an iron bar when Stoner fell firing the first two shots. The boy ran to the car in which Hart was sitting as Stoner fired the second blast that wounded Hart.

Judge Shidler, who set Stoner's appearance for probation sentence at 9:30 a.m. July 18, said that Hart's attitude during his testimony had much to do with the dismissal of the charges.

Boris Woolley, Torrance attorney, defended Stoner.



SOME FISHING GEAR... Post Office workers in Torrance chipped in and set Harold Buck (center) up with a complete fishing tackle outfit last week as "Buck" prepared to retire at the end of this month. Shown here (l to r) Assistant Postmaster Lou Deinger, Clerk's President Ed Seidel, Buck, Carrier President Ernest E. Hobbs, and Postmaster Clara Conner. Mrs. Buck is retiring at the same time after 30 years with the telephone company.

Annexation On Agenda

Proposed annexation of the Victor area to Torrance will come up for discussion Wednesday night when the City Planning Commission meets at City Hall.

The area is bounded by Torrance Blvd., Del Amo Blvd., Hawthorne Ave. and the boundary of Redondo Beach. It is surrounded by Torrance on three sides.

A committee headed by J. A. Beasley has been studying possible annexation for two months.

Necklaces Among Loot

Two pearl necklaces, a radio and two pair of cuff links were taken Wednesday night by a burglar who climbed into the back window at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, 22318 Ladena.

A screen was torn loose in the window while the couple were away from home until 1:35 a.m. The house was ransacked. Total value of the loss was \$115.

CHP Books Driver After Car Crash

Booked by California Highway Patrolmen for suspicion of drunk driving after he was slightly injured in a traffic mishap over the weekend was Mitchell L. Hornback, 27, of 2229 Cabrillo Ave.

Hornback was injured in a head-on collision Saturday on Main St. near 219th Place when his car veered across the highway and smashed into one driven by John W. Roseberry, 28, of 435 W. 234th Place, CHP officers said.

Hornback was treated at Harbor General Hospital for minor injuries.

Lomita Post Office Moving to New Site

The Lomita Post Office will be open tentatively next Friday, July 1, at its new home at 2222 Lomita Blvd. Moving got under way last weekend.

The new establishment is situated across the street from the previous location. Lease on the building expires next Thursday. The Post Office has been in this spot for 26 years.

A public opening should take place sometime in September, according to Postmaster Earl Fishel.

Torrance Pastor Tours Holy Land

A Torrance minister is among nine Baptist ministers who are journeying to the Holy Land. Rev. Manuel J. Zamorano of the Torrance Mexican Baptist Church, along with his other traveling companions, mounted "ships of the desert," or commonly known as camels, and viewed the famous Egyptian Pyramids. Viewing of these famous monuments was just one phase of their trek to Jerusalem.

Dr. J. Lester Harnish of Temple Baptist reported by mail that the Arab states of Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan all "seemed to have a tremendous solidarity and impressed us as wanting America's understanding and friendship."

"Reforms in dress are occurring and the wearing of the traditional veil by the Arabian woman is less commonly used," he also reported.

Robert D. Jones Ends Stevedoring School

Pvt. Robert D. Jones, recently graduated from the Transportation School's stevedoring course at Fort Eustis, Va. Jones' wife and parents reside in Torrance.

He entered the Army last January and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Hairston in Appearance at Annual Concert

The works of Jester Hairston were featured Friday and Saturday nights at the Redondo High School auditorium, as the Los Cancioneros group presented its fifth annual summer concert.

Hairston, famed for his arrangements of Negro spirituals, was on hand to conduct the group. Ralph Buchel, Los Cancioneros director, also conducted at the recital.

The musical group sang such well-known favorites as "Rocka My Soul," "Great Gittin' Up Mornin'," "Set Down Servant," and "When I Was Sinking Down."

Hairston has been active in choral work for motion pictures. His main credits include such films as "Land of the Pharaohs," "Duel in the Sun," and "Portrait of Jennie." He also was an assistant conductor of the Hall Johnson Choir for 13 years.

An added highlight of the program was the appearance of the string quartet of the San Pedro Chamber Music Guild. Conducted by Ralph Buchel, Dorothea Asher, pianist; and Harry Hall and Donald de Jers, violinists, comprised the group.

Jail Term Handed Out In Shooting

An east Torrance bar owner was sentenced to 30 days in jail Friday on charges of discharging a firearm on private property recently.

Compton Municipal Judge Ralph C. Dilla slapped the 30-day sentence on Forrest J. Helton, 24, who operates a bar with his wife, Irene, at 21225 S. Main. Helton was in court as an outgrowth of an argument with a friend.

Investigating officers reported that the Heltons and a friend, Johnnie Layton, of 21235 S. Bolsa St., were out riding recently when the two men got in an argument.

Mrs. Helton fled from the car and a few moments later the two men leaped out. It was at this point, it was reported, that Helton fired a gun into the air. Officers later found the gun hidden in the washroom at the bar on Main St.

Course Set

A mid-summer course for expectant mothers will be inaugurated at Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., under the sponsorship of the County Health Department according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer.

The classes will meet every Thursday at 1 p.m., with Kristine Kawaguchi, public health nurse-instructor, in charge.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS... Four winners of scholarship in the graduating class at Nativity Parochial school here are shown above. From bottom left are Paul J. Lupo, Joseph Richmond, and Robert Garcia. Inset is Francis Gateley. Lupo, Richmond and Garcia will enter Junipero High school, Gateley will enter Loyola High.

El Camino Issues Results Of Reading Examinations

Results of a reading survey conducted at El Camino college were revealed today by Dr. William H. Harless, director of instruction.

The average college student on enrollment in a class in reading development at the college reads at the rate of 285 words a minute, and can answer a little over half the questions, 80.4 per cent, about what he has just read. After completing the one-semester course offered by Dr. George Gerbner, however, he reads at the rate of 749 words per minute, or 839 wpm if he is pressed, and answers 61.5 per cent of the questions correctly.

Doubles Reading Rate

Results of the survey show that the college reading development course more than doubles the average reading rate and improves comprehension at the same time. Additional to these figures, scores from the nationally standardized Fryxler reading tests, also included in the results, showed a climb from 256 at the beginning to an average of 470 at the end of the semester. These scores combine rate of reading and comprehension into one figure.

Commenting on the results, Dr. Gerbner, in charge of the college reading development program, said that they are not unusual, and indicate what can be achieved when this relatively neglected aspect of our communications skills is given some systematic attention.

College Level Course "Our reading program, listed in the catalog as English B, is based on the college level, designed to help all students develop their competence not only in reading but also studying, organizing, and critically evaluating complex material," Dr. Gerbner said. "Able students benefit at least as much as those who are slow readers."

The classes usually include businessmen, executives, professional people and housewives, in addition to students enrolled in a full college program. It carries college credit.

A summer session course in Reading Development will start on July 1, meeting five evenings a week for six weeks. Registration will take place Thursday, June 30, 1:00-3:00 and 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the El Camino college Campus center.

\$7 Million More In New Homes Scheduled Here

About \$7 million worth of new homes are planned for Torrance in tract maps that will come before the City Council tomorrow.

George Powell, secretary of the Planning Commission, said the largest of three developments planned is a 562-home subdivision on the west of Torrance.

Milton Kauffman Co. would build two and three bedroom units on land bounded by Anza Ave., Torrance Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., and west city limits.

Watt Co. has proposed construction of 57 homes on a site near 186th St. near Crenshaw Blvd. Northern Construction Co. wants to build 45 houses near Arlington Ave. on both sides of Dominguez Channel.

The Planning Commission has recommended approval of all three subdivisions.

Planners OK New Zoning Plan for PV

The Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County unanimously approved Friday the compromise zoning plan submitted by Palos Verdes Properties and representatives of residential groups in the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Recommendations for adoption will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, a commission spokesman indicated. The agreement will permit the development of certain land into residential, recreational, and restricted commercial uses under a master zoning plan of the county.

By terms of the agreement, all moves for annexation of the land to the city of Torrance have been abandoned, as well as all plans for the formation of separate municipalities within the Peninsula.

As part of the presentation to the planning commission, Edward Contini of Victor Gruen and Assoc., presented preliminary sketches of the proposed "town center" comprising shopping areas, professional office buildings, high school, church areas, and luxury-type apartment buildings.

Suggested location of the development is between Crenshaw extension and the proposed extension on Hawthorne Blvd., which also is the center of the Palos Verdes Properties development.

Diamond Ring Stolen at Trailer Dwelling

A diamond ring valued at \$500 was stolen late Wednesday or early Thursday from a trailer residence at 25625 Narbonne Ave. in Lomita, sheriff's deputies said. Walter E. Grimm, 70, said that the ring was taken from his wife's purse, which was on a night stand in the trailer.

City to Open Bids

Bids will be received tomorrow night by Torrance City Council for the grading of the Civic Center site on Torrance Blvd., and cast iron pipes for use of the water department.

Two More Candidates Seek Title of 'Miss Torrance'

Entry of two more girls into the 1955 Miss Torrance Contest was announced today by James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Bands.

They are Linda Sells, 18, of 24458 Park St. and Julie Muniz, 17, of 22117 Moneta Ave. Linda, a curvaceous brunette, is sponsored by the Quality Market. Julie, a striking brunette, is sponsored by Paul's Chevrolet.

Van Dyck said eight girls have signed up as contestants thus far and the total is expected to be more than a dozen.

The winner will be selected by a panel of judges at the Civic Auditorium on July 29. She will appear at numerous civic events during the following year.

Entry forms are available at the Torrance HERALD, 1619 Gramercy Ave.

Camino Sets Registration For Summer

Students wishing to enroll for the summer session at El Camino college should register in the campus center June 30 from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"The last day to register will be July 6, providing that classes are available," Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, cautioned prospective latecomers. Seventy-five classes will be offered, Sloan added, most of them scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. nightly.

The summer session will run from the opening day of classes, July 1, to Aug. 12. An enrollment of 1800 is anticipated by college officials. Members of the regular college staff will offer instruction and all facilities of the college will be available.

"The summer school program provides students the opportunity to accelerate their college work and gives workers the advantage of obtaining a few units credit while still working part or full time," Sloan indicated. "Another advantage," the director cited, "is directed to high school graduates who wish to make up subject deficiencies prior to starting their college careers."

Paul Rowe Enlists in Navy Recruit Program

A recent THS June Graduate, Paul Rowe, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He enlisted at the local recruiting office in Redondo.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Rowe are residents of Torrance. Their home is at 2314 Torrance Blvd. Rowe's prime interest are electronic and the Navy. He is undergoing nine weeks of recruit training that is the basic part of his naval career.